

### **August ~**

**During the month of August, I'm going to plan out my senior Mastery along with making a folder in Google drive to ensure none of my files are lost during the process. While I'm thinking about my mastery I will also create a Google document to record all the information and time I spend on research for my senior mastery. I will also check out books, biographies, and magazines from the school's library for research purposes including online research. I will also be looking for various internships opportunities to support my mastery requirements along with other sources of information that are available to me.**

### **September ~**

**This September I started out the month planning out what my senior mastery. At first, I wanted to learn what Lynda.com was, but when I learned that it wasn't required of us DC kids to use it I focused on my bibliography. While I was working on my bibliography the state fair was coming up so I needed to make an entry. Over the summer I made a lot of cool art so instead of taking the time to make a new piece I decided to use one of my summer art. Sometime before the state fair the senior class was visited by Brian Mroz. I believe he worked on many brochures and even dabbled with printing seeing how he not only designed his products but also printed them out himself. He introduced us to different types of methods for developing designs. While I had free time after school I wanted to join the yearbook club only this time I would show up to the meetings. This way I can be more involved in after schools activities and further my Photoshop skills who knows maybe I'll edit myself somewhere in this year's book. Overall throughout September, I planned on working on my state fair entry while using Lynda.com to learn what little information I could and to keep track of what information I gather while learning about storyboarding while working on my master.**

### **October ~**

**This October I started out the month living through a hurricane named Matthew. Matthew didn't make landfall in South Carolina until October 7th. I made it out ok, but I was actually surprised to see some folding considering how far inland I was. Much of the time I wanted to spend on my mastery had been taken up due to the extreme weather conditions, but that didn't stop me from looking up more information for my mastery. When school started back up so did my micrography and I had only picked what image I wanted to use for this two-month project. While I was working on my micrography I was also looking out for scholarships. One of the many scholarships I applied for wanted me to make a video to express why I deserved the charity. After making the video trunk or treat was coming up and I wanted to stay after school to look at all the decorations. I also had to work on this month's bibliography and that's about it.**

### **November ~**

**Micrography, you November 18th**

**This November I started out the month thinking about my holiday cards and micrography. I've been working on my micrography for a month now so I had plenty of time to figure out what I wanted to do for it. At first, I was going to use a picture of myself for my micrography but after almost three weeks in of seeing barely any progression, I realized that either I'm not putting enough time on my micrography or I'm a really slow worker. So**

after three or four weeks into November, I finally looked up a tutorial to help me speed up the process. I found a tutorial that showed me a few tricks in Photoshop to help me cache up to some lost time. At first, I had no idea what I was doing, but after a while of trial and error I figured out how to rasterize my images. The tutorial I used had a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, but I wanted to use another image of someone I knew or a T.V. show character. After my first attempt, I wanted to do a couple more just to see how the others would come out. The second try I used an image of a drawing I made in illustrator And it comes out quite well. The other image I used came out nice too but I could hardly see the letters, but I had no way to fix the size issue other than resizing the letters, but by resizing the letter it caused them to become pixelated and it didn't come out clear. So I had to choose either the pixelated letters or a simple image of a drawing I made even though I can see the letters just fine. Towards December I finally got to finishing my micrography Ms.D gave the senior class a date extension on our due date so that everyone had a little more time because of the hurricane, but that just mean I had some more time to work on my annotated bibs and my holiday cards. While thinking about my cards I had to also think about my timeline. But towards the end of the month, I figured out what I wanted to do for my cards. I spent almost a week or two for my cards because I wanted others opinions about them. I finally finished my cards, but I still had to work on my timeline. Towards the last week of the month, I finally started on the last day and worked on my timeline and finished up my to do list. I finally finished my micrography around December 20th and I already had started my holiday cards now I just needed to finish everything up with my annotated bibs and I did just that before the deadline. While in between working and researching.

## December

After the first few days of December, we started talking about getting our internship ready if not completed and I had already known I wanted to work with someone in the animation industry. Now all I had to do was find someone with those credentials, but unfortunately, there weren't many people working in south Carolina that worked in that business. The majority of the people that do work in animation resign in Florida at Pixar or in Chicago I believe. So over the break, I wanted to visit CCU and see if I couldn't contact one of the professors that worked in digital design. Unfortunately, I had to do it before winter break and I only had two school days before then. Luckily I was able to get the professor's contact information before winter break. I already had known I had to call them as soon as possible and I did just that. When I got a call back from one of the receptionists I learned that the professor I was calling for was out so I left her my contact information and phone number. The day after my phone call the professor called me back. I told him my interests and why I wanted to an internship with him if possible and he was kind enough to point me towards someone who could help me with animation. Motion graphics may not have been what I had imagined at first, but I was happy that he actually called back so I didn't mind. I can't count how many times I called a place and had never gotten a response. So after getting the contact for the professor that could help further with motion graphics, I emailed him right away. He actually emailed me that night explaining that he was working overseas and that he wouldn't be back until the second of January. While getting ready to head back into school I also needed to open Dreamweaver to see how much progress I made on my website before the second semester. I personally don't like Dreamweaver but I understand it's importance and how much fun it could be, December but I prefer to stick with Photoshop and illustrator. The majority of December was me running around looking for

**the internship and getting ready for finals and I am happy to say that this will be my last year of math for a long time and happy new years.**

**January ~ plane for portfolio, plane January 6th**

**This January I finally got a call back from the CCU professor, build but he couldn't work with me due to work builds up before he came back from Japan. Even though I couldn't work with the professor I still had the list of possible internships with local businesses. During that weekend I spent my Saturday calling people from the list I had. Two or three of the numbers I called didn't up and the other two had family stuff to handle so their hands were tied. The last number I called was 8 other-Labs and they agreed to interview me before deciding if whether or not to accept my offer. A week later I got an email from one of the employee's and they me asking if I could walk in and talk to one of the two that were in charge. I of course accepted and told them that I was available to walk as soon as possible. The next day I got to meet Kendall one to the two managers that keep everyone busy. The rest of January was setting up the days I would work with 8 other-Labs and my senior mastery. Towards the end of January I was also looking up more information on wood burning and what I learned blew my mind. Now I just need to find some tips for the school's wood burners. When I walked into Walmart they only had one wood burner left and no little baggy of tips. So I'm still on the search for tips of a wood burner and more information about the types of wood I could use.**

**February ~ Infographic, you February 10th**

**This February I finally completed one of my first requirements for my website. I feel as if I'm really getting the hang of Wordpress and it's all thanks to Lynda.com. Speaking of Lynda.com I need to use it more often for my senior mastery along with my research for storyboarding. I'll try to use the site more often when the opportunity presents itself. While interning I learned how to set up my own photo shoot. Keith told me that he had a meeting to go to so he needed me to set everything up while he was gone. At first, I didn't know what I was doing until Keith explained that I had already seen how one should be set up, but now I had to do it myself. A few minutes later and I had everything up and running all that I needed now was to figure out was whose picture was I taking. After Learning how to set up my own photo shoot and even getting to tinker with the umbrella thing that flashes whenever you take a picture. I learned a lot about flash intensity and how to pay attention to lighting along with angles and how I position myself from who or what I'm taking a picture of. Back in class, I had to work on the rest of my requirements for a web page. At first, I thought I had everything done, but when I took a second look at my links I found that my About me the link was not working. I knew everything was working the last time I**

had checked my links, but for some reason, the link wasn't working. I knew how to fix the problem though I just hope it doesn't happen again.

### **March ~ Portfolio cover, you end of march**

This March I have been working on my last two annotated bibliography and one of the required me to write about a popular designer or artist. I chose this camera man because he's not only working for a popular YouTube channel, but he also discusses the importance of planning ahead and what tools are most useful for accomplishing just that. After completing my last two bibs I knew I would have my timeline left to do along with my portfolio. I have everything I need to work on my portfolio, but the only thing that's holding me up is a design I would want to use for my cover. I already know I want my cover to either be my website logo or a simplistic design. All I need to do is pick which of the two I would like the most, but I really like them both. Also, I've almost completed my internship hours with 8 other labs, in fact, the day I'm typing this I will have already completed my six-hour requirement. For the rest of the month, I will be working on my wood burning whenever I can along with my storyboarding for my kinetic typography which is still in the works. I'll also have to complete some kind of newton law thingy for the state or I won't be able to graduate or something. After I do that I'll focus more on my kinetic micrography along with my simple animations.

### **April ~**

This April I focused on finishing up my website and made sure to check on all my links to ensure that none of them were broken be for my practice presentation. I made sure to print out all of the necessary Photoshop and illustrator files I've accumulated over the year. All I need to do now I practice my mastery with Ms.D before doing the real thing. The week before my mastery will be the last week of my internship even though I already had the required amount of time needed. I've also need to look over all the rubrics again to just to make sure I'm not missing anything. I've made sure that I have all the animations I've made up to this point in order to demonstrate how I progressed over the year.