

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Student success is measured below in a variety of ways to address equity, diversity and inclusion. My students come from across two campuses, and a diverse range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, some may struggle with securing funds for festival applications or exhibition fees. Competitive scholarships, job placement and corporate careers are occasionally more aligned with those students goals, but still speaks to the success of students creative practice and study in the DMD program.

Career Paths & Employment

Rechelle Williamson, Production Assistant, **WWE, Stamford CT**
Andrea Blanco, Digital Production Assistant, **NBC Sports, Stamford CT**
Justin Anderson Locasio, Assistant Content Creator, **WWE, Stamford CT**
Matthew Delmiche, Junior Production Designer, **Crystal Central, Stamford CT**
Daniella Mossa, Motion Graphics Designer, **WWE, Stamford CT**
Jennifer Collantes-Milla, Internship, **LiveGirl Female Leadership, New Canaan, CT**
Lamar Travis, Assistant Editor, **NBS Sports, Stamford, CT**
Richard Narcisse, Operation Manager, **Apple, New York, NY**
Bridget Murphy, Associate Motion Designer, **ESPN, Bristol, CT**
Henry Stein, Designer, **Adobe, CA**
Cynthia Chin, UX/UI Designer, **IBM, CT**
Bill Pritchard, Creative Technologist, **Ideum, Albuquerque, NM**
Jared Fischler, Scene Assembler, **Blur Studios, Los Angeles, CA**
Matt Bilmes, Barkley, **Kansas City, MO**
Ken Asada, Freelance Graphics Coordinator, **HBO, New York, NY**
Ryan Freeland, Video/Content Producer, **Digital Surgeons, CT**
Ali Butera, Architecture Advisor, **Cigna, Philadelphia, PA**
Brianna Riccardone, UX/U Designer, **Cigna, Los Angeles, CA**
Alexxis Letizia, Application Development Advisor, **Cigna, Bloomfield, CT**
Sarah Chamberlin, UX/UI Designer, **Cigna, Bloomfield, CT**
Robin Simon, Associate Content Producer, **Twitter, New York, NY**
Andrew Wolfe, UX Researcher & Designer, **NBC Universal, New York, NY**
Hunter French, Freelance designer illustrator, **Vice, Brooklyn, NY**
Alex Ness, Freelance Motion Design & Concert/Event graphics (Imagine Dragons, Drakes, Meghan Thee Stallion) **nessgraphics.com**
Aleesha Zak, Logo Production Assistant, **Callaway Golf, CT**
Malik Harris, Assistant Editor, **Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT**
Ryan Glista, Digital Project Manager, **The Busnell Center for the Performing Arts, Hartford, CT**
Justin Nicoletti, Assistant Editor/Designer, **Emotion Studios, Inc., San Francisco, CA**

Exhibitions, Public Display & Film Festivals



Jake Limone: film "Abductee" (produced/completed in Narrative Workshop)

Vancouver Independent Film Festival – Finalist / 2020

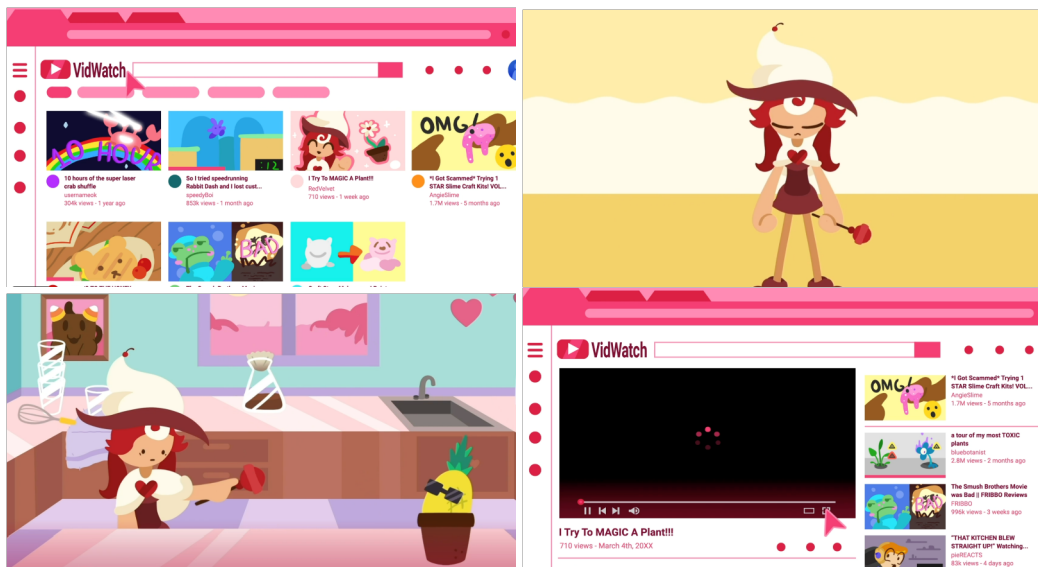
Indie Short Fest - Official Selection / 2020

LA international Film Festival - Official Selection /2020



Jake Limone: film "The Virus"

First-Time Filmmaker Sessions, New York Independent Cinema Awards



Nicole Ellis: animated film [“I Try to Magic a Plant!”](#) (produced/completed in Narrative Workshop)
10th Annual Trinity Film Festival – Selection / May 8, 2021



Ryan Glista: film [“Opening Night”](#) (produced/completed in Cinematic Storytelling)
Film Shortage - Short of the Week / October 25, 2017
NewFilmmakers New York - Official Selection / January 17, 2019
Hollywood Just4Shorts Film and Screenplay Competition - BEST COMEDY SHORT / January 29, 2018
UConn Short Film Exhibition - Official Selection / April 28, 2018
Canadian International Comedy Film Festival - JURY SELECT WINNER / February 29, 2019
Canadian Diversity Film Festival - BEST STUDENT FILM / August 9, 2019

Press

Bridget Murphy, CT Select Podcast interview, recorded 4/2021, release date: tbd

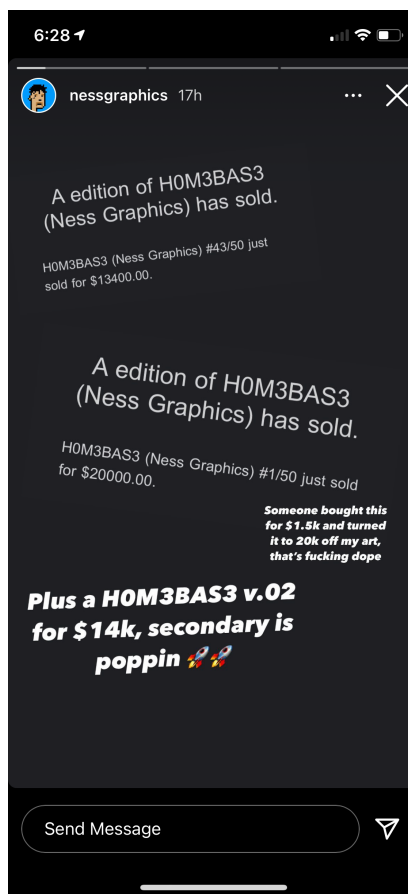
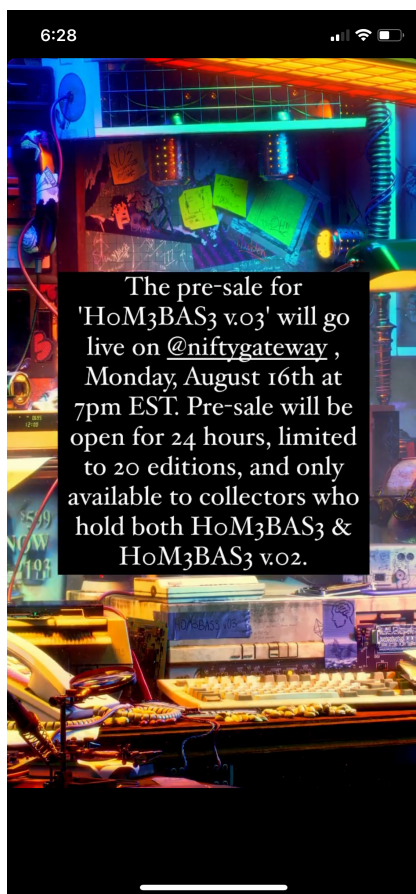
Isabella Interview in UConn.edu article [“Student Success Story: Isabella Montenegro”](#)

Susana Aho, “Things are not What They Seem” Video (produced in Broadcast/Title Design class)

Cited in [“Cinematic Overtures: How to Read Opening Scenes”](#) book by Annette Isdorf

Featured on the Verge.com in [“Psycho vs. Seven: How movie title sequences have changed over the years”](#)

Alex Ness, [“From Imagine Dragons to NFT Artist”](#) Interview on The Nifty



Scholarships/Awards

Connecticut Art Directors Club Awards Show

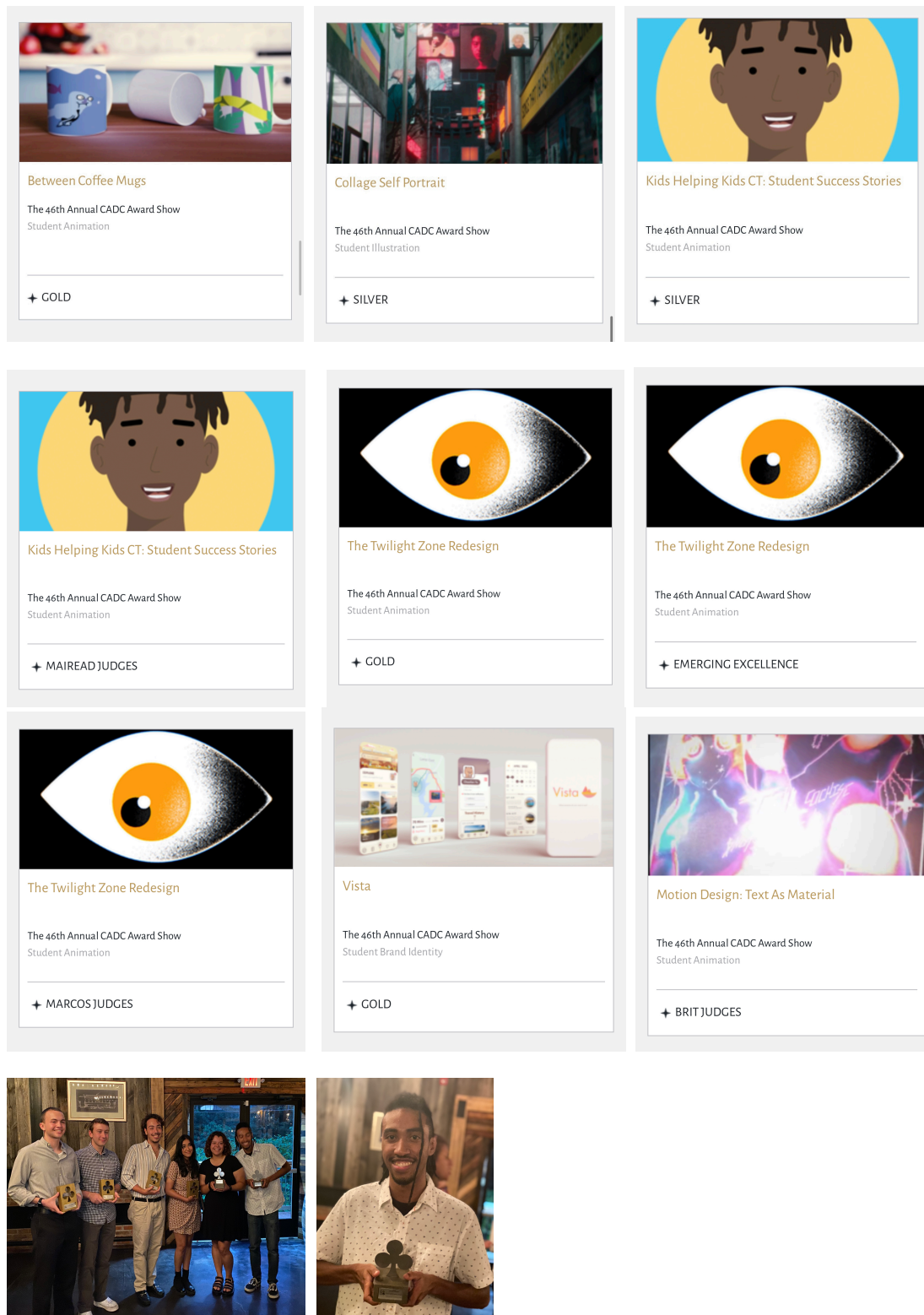
External judges, Marcos Shin, Nathan Fox Brit Hammett, Mairead McGonagle, and Jacquelyn Schaab.

UConn DMD took home an incredible 16 awards at the CADC 46th Annual Awards Show This included 7 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 of the 5 Judges Awards, and [UConn Stamford](#) DMD student, Julian Dinowitz, took home the "Emerging Excellence" award.



Gold, Student Animation: Between Coffee Mugs, by Michael Farrell
 Silver, Student Illustration: Collage Self Portrait, by Aaron Zhang
 Silver, Student Animation: Kids Helping Kids, by Julian Dinowitz, Andy Gardner, Colleen Green, Samir Lee,
 Judges Award, Student Animation: Kids Helping Kids, by Julian Dinowitz, Andy Gardner, Colleen Green, Samir Lee,
 Judges Award: Twilight Zone Redesign, by Julian Dinowitz
 Judges Award: Motion Design: Text As Material, by Aaron Zhang
 Gold, Student Animation: Twilight Zone Redesign, by Julian Dinowitz
 Emerging Excellence Award: Twilight Zone Redesign, by Julian Dinowitz
 Silver, Student Brand Identity: Vista, by Chao Fan Yu

Connecticut Art Directors Club Awards- Student Winners (Work created in courses taught or with consultation/critique)



Sabrina Alcin- Gilman Scholarship Recipient



Sabrina Alcin: Gilman Scholarship, Critical Need Language Award,
Study Abroad- Japan

Yuri Jimenez: Synchrony Financial Innovation Scholarship

Emma Schwarz: Synchrony Financial Innovation Scholarship

Jennifer Collantes-Milla:

Continuing Education/ Graduate School

Isabella Montenegro: UC Berekley [Experience Lab](#)