

Braden Graves

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Swim Associate, *Big Blue Swim School*, Dulles, VA, May 2025 – September 2025

- Demonstrated proper swim technique and encouraged skill development for children aged 3 months to 12 years
- Supervised an average of 3-4 children per lesson, providing positive reinforcement and safety support when needed
- Scheduled lessons, processed orders using POS system, and resolved customer concerns as front desk representative

Makerspace Studio Assistant, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, April 2023 – May 2025

- Performed 3-5 daily equipment maintenance tasks in digital fabrication and metalworking studios
- Monitored studio activity, reinforcing use of personal protection equipment, PPE, and material handling support
- Communicated to students how to use the design software compatible with a laser cutter and 3D printers

Resident Assistant, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, August 2022 – May 2025

- Provided communication and mediation to 60+ residents annually, resolving personal, social, and academic concerns
- Hosted monthly programs designed to enhance student well-being, time management, and sense of community
- Collaborated with 40+ RAs and administration to uphold housing policies and provide emergency response

Genesis Fashion Show Fabricator, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, September 2024 – December 2024

- Assisted with backstage logistics for a large-scale runway event, coordinating with 10+ models and volunteers
- Managed multiple tasks for a duration of three hours, including costume repair, staging cues, and radio communication

Precollege Program Head Resident Assistant, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, June 2023 – July 2023

- Managed and mentored 20+ resident assistants for a month-long high school art immersion program
- Directed training over the course of a week and facilitated an emergency simulation session for the RA team

EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL

Bachelor of Arts, May 2025, Major: Visual Studies, Minors: Fine Arts, Business of Art and Design, GPA: 3.63

SKILLS

AutoCAD, Fusion 360, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office 365, Woodworking, Illustrator, Photoshop, FDM & SLA 3D printing, CNC Routing, Vacuum Forming, Laser Cutting, Mold Making and Casting

CERTIFICATIONS

Inclusive Playground Designer, *Playworld*, September 2025

CEU Courses in Playground Design and Accessibility, *Playpower Inc.*, September 2025

AWARDS/PUBLICATIONS

Best of Ringling, Visual Studies 2025, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, April 2025

Faculty Award, Visual Studies 2025, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, April 2025

Visual Studies senior designs playful worlds for young minds - www.ringling.edu/news/041725-vsseniiorprofile/

Trustee Scholar Visual Studies Nominee, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, January 2024

Rising Star Leadership Award, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, April 2023

Emerging Service Leaders Award, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Sarasota, FL, October 2022