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EDUCATION

BS Creative Technology and Design

Game Design

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO

Expected Graduation August 2026

EXPERIENCE

Nigel The Mad Duke

University of Colorado Boulder

May-2023-May 2024

Boulder, Colorado

- Nigel is the title of a game worked on in a team of four. A 2D platformer coded in the Unity game engine. Accomplished 72.7% of the coding utilizing techniques such as procedural animation, inheritance, and polymorphism utilized Unity's Shader graph to create a unique and theme fitting appearance for the game. Did character animations, character rigging, character artwork, environment artwork, and implemented tools to streamline workflow for the team.

<https://sites.google.com/colorado.edu/nigeldocumentation/home>

LEADERSHIP AND ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado University Marginalize Genders in Gaming

University of Colorado Boulder

January 2023 - May 2024

Boulder, Colorado

- A student led organization for marginalized genders in the gaming community. As a part of the leadership team we planned events, built a community, and spread awareness. Built skills such as communication, deadline meeting...

Colorado University Varsity Valorant Esports Team

May 2024

February 2020 -

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, Colorado

- Competed in collegiate-level Valorant tournaments, applying strategic and analytical thinking to optimize team performance.
- Gained deep insight into **game balance, level design, and player experience** through analysis of gameplay systems and competitive metas.
- Collaborated with teammates to develop and test strategies, mirroring iterative design and playtesting workflows.
- Utilized **data-driven performance analysis** and post-match reviews to identify improvement areas and refine tactics.
- Developed a strong understanding of **UX principles** in competitive gameplay, including clarity, pacing, and user feedback systems.
- Represented the university in official tournaments, maintaining professionalism and contributing to a positive esports community.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Contribute Award CU GOLD 2023
- New Student Organization of the Year Award CU Marginalized Genders in Gaming 2024